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## **CRADLE TO GRAVE (C2G) PROFILES**

A Comprehensive Mini-Biography for

**FREDA GERTRUDE (BITTLE) GRINDSTAFF PERKINS**

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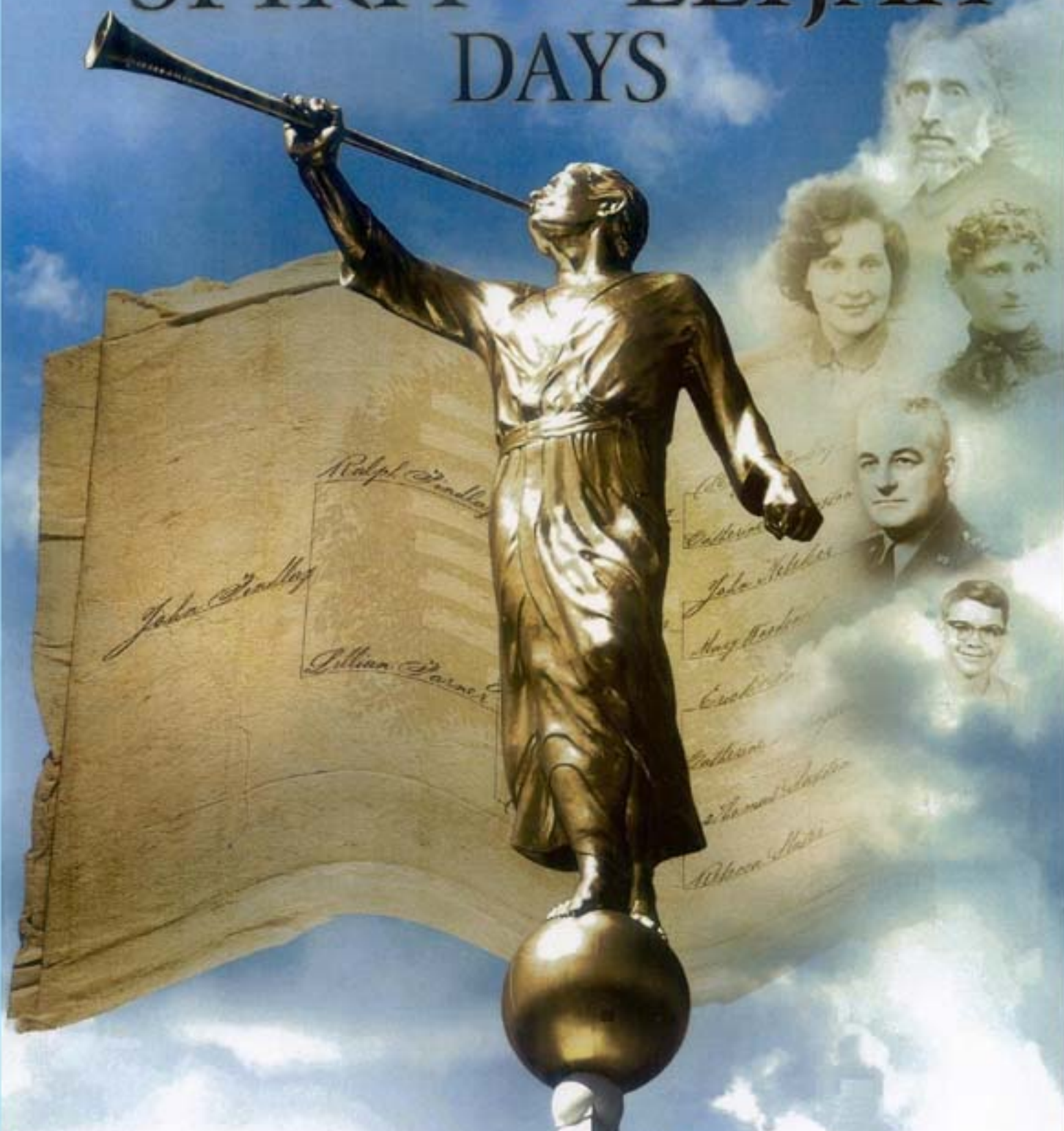
In harmony with the first law of genealogy or family history research, i.e., documentation, I submit my famous Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profile on Freda Gertrude (BITTLE). This report contains all known documentation presented for the serious researcher. This has been done to help family historians continue in their thirst for family history knowledge without a duplication of effort. All I ask is you acknowledge my contribution to your family history research.

It is my hope this will serve as a template for others to record and report on their ancestry.

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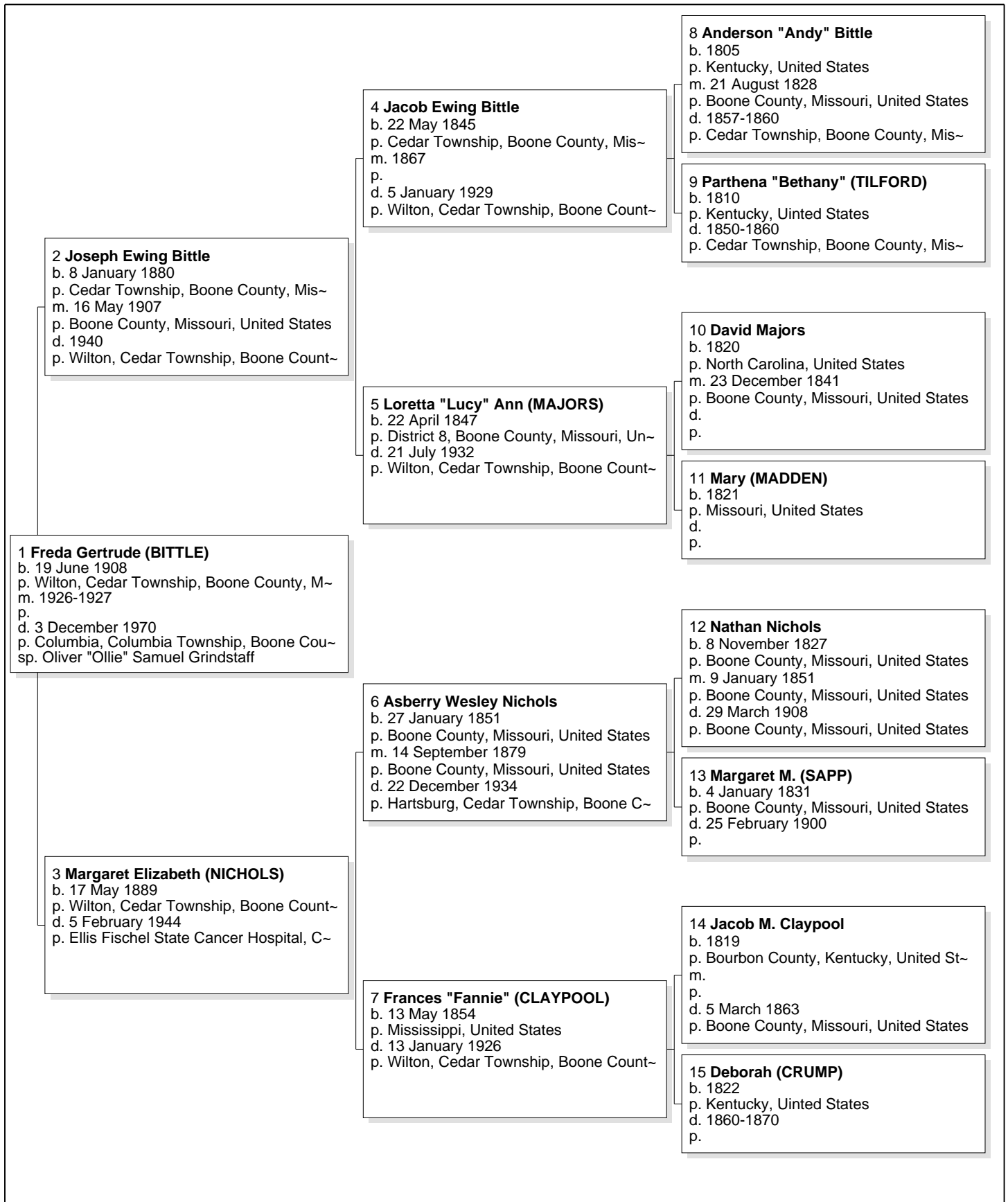


# SPIRIT OF ELIJAH DAYS



**"BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD: AND HE SHALL TURN THE HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, AND THE HEART OF THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS, LEST I COME AND SMITE THE EARTH WITH A CURSE. MALACHI 4:5-6**

# Freda Gertrude (BITTLE) Grindstaff Perkins 4 Generation Pedigree Chart by Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.



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### **1908 Birthblock of Freda Gertrude (BITTLE) daughter of Joseph Ewing and Margaret Elizabeth (NICHOLS) Bittle**

Freda Gertrude (BITTLE) was born in Wilton, Cedar Township, Boone County, Missouri, United States on 19 June 1908.

### **1910 Federal Census age 2**

Cedar Township, Boone County, Missouri, United States

**BITTLE**, Jacob head w m 64; Luretta A. wife w f 64; Joseph son w m 37; Margaret dau-in-law w f 17; Freda gdau w f 2; Alfred gson w m 6months; **NEELY**, Robert boarder w m 27

### **Research Note**

Apparently Joseph Ewing and wife Margaret Elizabeth (**NICHOLS**) Bittle were living with his parents in this census.

### **1917 Grandfather's U.S., Indexed County Land Ownership Maps, 1860-1918**

Owner's Name: Jacob Bittle State: Missouri County: Boone Town: Ashland Year: 1917

### **1917 Father's U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918**

Name: Joseph Ewing Bittle County: Boone State: Missouri Birth Date: 8 Dec 1881 Race: White

### **1920 Federal Census age 12**

Cedar Township, Boone County, Missouri, United States

**BITTLE**, Joseph head w m 39; Margaret wife w f 27; Freda dau w f 11; Alfred son w m 10; Earl son w m 8; Loraine dau w f 5; Loyd son w m 1yr 8months

### **1926-1927 Marriage of Oliver "Ollie" Samuel Grindstaff and Freda Gertrude (BITTLE) daughter of Joseph Ewing and Margaret Elizabeth (NICHOLS) Bittle**

This marriage date is based on two items. First in the 1930 census Ollie says Freda is his wife. Second, she states in the same census that she was first married at age 18. She is 21 in 1930 this means she would have been married in 1826-1827.

### **1929 Death of Grandfather; Jacob Ewing Bittle**

Jacob Ewing Bittle died in Wilton, Cedar Township, Boone County, Missouri, United States on 5 January 1929.

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## **1930 Federal Census age 22**

Cedar Township, Boone County, Missouri, United States, page 268a, 22 April 1930, line 9, house 178, family 179

**GRINDSTAFF**, Ollie S. head w m 54; Freda wife w f 21; Alfred L. son w m 19; Clyde son w m 13; Perry son w m 11

[All born in Missouri as was their parents. Ollie was first married at age 24, Freda was first married at age 18. Ollie works at farm labor and is renting.]

## **1935 Residency at Cedar Township, Boone County, Missouri, United States**

## **1940 Federal Census age 32**

Cedar Township, Boone County, Missouri, United States

**GRINDSTAFF**, Chie S. head w m 63; Freda wife w f 31; Clyde son w m 23; Perry W. son w m 21

## **1952 Death of spouse; Oliver "Ollie" Samuel Grindstaff**

Oliver "Ollie" Samuel Grindstaff died at Boone County Hospital, Columbia, Columbia Township, Boone County, Missouri, United States on 18 November 1952.

## **1952-1954 Marriage of William Gilbert "Bert" Pekins and widow; Freda Gertrude (BITTLE) Grindstaff**

## **Research Note**

This marriage record is probably in the Boone County Marriage Records. After 1st spouse died in 1952 Freda show up in the 1954 City Directory as Freda Perkins thereby married before 1954.

## **1954 U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989**

Name: Freda Perkins Gender: Female Residence Year: 1954 Street address: 509 Lyons Residence Place: Columbia, Missouri, USA Spouse: William Perkins Publication Title: Columbia, Missouri, City Directory, 1954

## **1956 U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989**

Name: Freda G Perkins Gender: Female Residence Year: 1956 Street address: 509 Lyons Residence Place: Columbia, Missouri, USA Spouse: William G Perkins Publication Title: Columbia, Missouri, City Directory, 1956

## **1958 U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989**

Name: Freda Perkins Gender: Female Residence Year: 1958 Street address: 509 Lyons Residence Place: Columbia, Missouri, USA Spouse: William G Perkins Publication Title: Columbia, Missouri, City Directory, 1958

## **1960 U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989**

Name: Freda Perkins Gender: Female Residence Year: 1960 Street address: 60I Lyons Residence Place: Columbia, Missouri, USA Spouse: William G Perkins Publication Title: Columbia, Missouri, City Directory, 1960

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### **1960 Death of spouse; William Gilbert "Bert" Perkins**

William Gilbert "Bert" Perkins died in the Boone County Hospital, Columbia, Columbia Township, Boone County, Missouri, United States on 3 December 1960.

### **1970 Death of Freda Gertrude (BITTLE) Grindstaff Perkins**

Freda Gertrude (BITTLE) Grindstaff Perkins died in Columbia, Columbia Township, Boone County, Missouri, United States on 3 December 1970.

[1] U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014

Name: Freda Perkins SSN: 491-24-3689 Last Residence: 65201 Columbia, Boone, Missouri, USA

BORN: 19 Jun 1908 Died: Dec 1970 State (Year) SSN issued: Missouri (Before 1951)

### **1980 Burial of Freda Gertrude (BITTLE) Grindstaff Perkins**

Woodcrest Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Boone County, Missouri, United States

### **Find A Grave Memorial# 67611627 Created by: Floyd Strader Record added: Mar 29, 2011**

Freda G. Perkins Birth: Jun. 19, 1908 Death: Dec. 3, 1980 Burial: Woodcrest Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Boone County, Missouri, United States

### **Find A Grave Errors**

As usual, those who post information on Findagrave fail to do serious research on their postings. They either take the information from an unreliable death certificate or from an equally unreliable headstone. The only reason I bother to list the FAG postings in my C2G profiles is to validate the burial location of the deceased. All other information unless researched by a qualified family history researcher...supported with documentation and source references is questionable and should not be taken as accurate. The above FAG posting is one of those with errors and should not be considered factual. Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.



# A Little Something About Your Author.....

## *Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.*



At the age of 19, Mr. Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.


Floyd started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others. Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors. It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Due to confusion with Pratt ancestors and not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 50,000 individuals in his database and has achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt created  **Pratt Publications**.

He began to offer to the public, a series of books titled, Pratt Progenitor Papers. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 11 volumes were sent to the Salt Lake Genealogical Library with 60 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt created the  **Genealogical Institute** to further the education of serious researchers.

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The **Genealogical Institute** offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the novice as well as advanced researchers, procedures Mr. Pratt has tried and tested to be of great value in family history research. These courses offer “a hands on” curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical techniques for tracking your family history. Many have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses.

Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, these courses are valuable tools for the family history researcher. Mr. Pratt has been informed by researchers his material found in his publications are recorded as source validation for such organizations as the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Upon completion of the educational courses from the **Genealogical Institute**, the graduate is awarded the *Master Accreditation* of the *Genealogical Institute*. (*M.A.G.I.*) Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

Mr. Pratt’s ability in family history research has amazed many experienced researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their “brick wall” in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize, this knowledge has been acquired over 40 years of research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task. Outside of Washington, Saint John’s Township, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery aka; misnamed the McAllister Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750’s and arrived in the Missouri Territory shortly after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

Mr. Pratt recorded all the information off of the headstones including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related to Mr. Pratt or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book “**JOHNSON-CALDWELL CEMETERY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI**”©.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, talking to ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text.

What makes this book unique is based on several factors. First, it is the only book to report on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children. Second, this book contains a unique index, listing the individual and their father’s name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research should be based. No one has ever produced a body of work as unique and professional as this publication.

As the years moved on, Mr. Pratt became concerned about his 40 years of hard research work of various family histories. After a serious heart attack in 2012, Mr. Pratt decided to post his collective bodies of work on a website making them available to all interested researchers without compensation.



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After careful consideration, Mr. Pratt chose the website [www.openlibrary.org](http://www.openlibrary.org). "Open Library" is a repository of millions of digital books available to the public for free.

There are two or more ways to access Mr. Pratt's publications.

If you open the website as listed above you click on the authors label on the left hand side and type Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. The website will open to his name, click his name and you will be directed to a listing with his name, picture and listing of presently 62 publications (2015).

You can either scroll the list or an easier way to reach his lists is at the following website...

<https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists>

If you notice there are currently 9 lists or categories of books, article, stories and commentaries attributed to Mr. Pratt's publications.

These "Lists" are broken down as follows not necessarily in any order...

**Vital Text Series** This section covers public vital records. Including marriage records, deeds, census records, births, deaths, probate and indexes to public records. The counties of Missouri covered are as follows; Crawford, Washington, Franklin, Gasconade, St. François, Ste. Genevieve, and Jefferson counties.

**Pratt Archive Collections** This Collections comprises of a series of books containing cemeteries, family histories, biographies and various books by individual authors. There are several sections with this group... **Cemeteries** contain documented census information for various cemeteries in Crawford, Washington and Franklin Counties of Missouri. **Family Histories** are a collection of historical books concerning a group of a family or family names.

**CRADLE TO GRAVE (C2G) PROFILE** The Cradle to Grave Profile (C2G) documents an individual's life from the cradle to the grave. All known research material concerning that individual is represented in a family group sheet format. These C2G profiles are presented to the researcher within a family group sheet detailing the husband, his spouses and all known children. Regardless of how many times the subject has been married, the researcher receives a full report on all known spouses and children for one low fee.

**The Pratt Chronicles...** The Pratt Chronicles series or what we call a Cradle to Grave (C2G) profile on steroids, is an in-depth comprehensive biography on one individual's life encompassing all known events, including historical factors from the time of their birth to their burial. These events are comprised of current music, inventions, movies, family births, deaths, marriages, legal documents, occupations, military participation, pictures, maps, mementos, world history, US history and economic conditions as they occurred on a yearly basis.

**LITERARY HISTORY SERIES** contains rare books concerning family history written by other authors...many who are deceased. These books were bought over the years and now enjoy the status of a rare find in the genealogical library.

**VIEW FROM THE MAST...** Over the years, Mr. Pratt has found it necessary to write articles concerning observations concerning various family history topics or what we call personal artifacts. These reports, articles and short stories are contained in this section labeled...View From the Mast.

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Having a unique perspective from the top of mast on the sailing ship of discovery, Mr. Pratt has sailed through the waters of family history research for the last 40 years. These articles were designed to bring to the attention of family historians some unusual details he has witnessed during his research tenure.

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**ANCESTRAL FAMILY HISTORY OF...** This book showcases a selected individual usually a living descendant, detailing their direct line ancestors as far as the research has been completed. This type of format is known as an enhanced pedigree chart. These books contain as many as 10 to 70 generations limited only by the number of ancestors of our primary individual. Whereas, pedigree charts list only the vitals on an individual, these books generate all known notes, articles, legal documents and if applicable, Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles on each and every direct line ancestor and their spouses.

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We, in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his research and dedication, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical research field.

In addition we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

Lewton Cole, Chairman  
**Genealogical Institute**

# Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt F. H. C., M. A. G. I. Pedigree Chart

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